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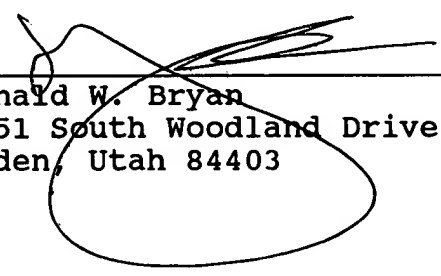
I, Donald W. Bryan, declare: that I am a citizen of the United States of America; having a postal address and a place of residence at 6151 South Woodland Drive, Ogden, Utah 84403; that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled SPINAL FIXATION APPARATUS AND METHOD, Serial Number 08/707,991, Filed 11 March 1996, which is a continuation-in-part application of application Serial Number 08/232,371, filed 25 April 1994 for SPINAL FIXATION APPARATUS AND METHOD now U.S. Patent Number 5,498,262 issued 12 March 1996 which was a continuation-in-part application of Serial Number 07/999/005 filed 31 December 1992 for LUMBAR SPINE FIXATION APPARATUS AND METHOD now U.S. Patent Number 5,306,275 issued 26 April 1994, which is claimed therein and for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification filed on the subject date; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments filed with respect thereto, and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 CFR § 1.56 which becomes available between my prior application and the filing date of this application.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

Signed at Ogden, Utah, Utah, this 12 day of January 1998.

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